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REFS: (A) DAR ES SALAAM 2501 (NOTAL), (B) USUN 2088,
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1. IN RESPONSE TO NYERERE'S JUNE 12 BRIEFING OF THE
WESTERN FIVE AMBASSADORS ON THE OUTCOME OF THE FRONTLINE
SUMMIT (REF A), CONTACT GROUP AGREED JUNE 12 THAT THE
TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE INFORMED AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF THE FOLLOWING:
BEGIN DRAFT TALKING POINTS:
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OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS HAVE RECEIVED YOUR REPORT OF
THE OUTCOME OF THE FRONTLINE STATES MEETING WITH SWAPO
IN LUANDA ON JUNE 10 AND 11 WITH CONSIDERABLE INTEREST.
THEY GREATLY APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS WHICH YOU AND THE
OTHER FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS HAVE DEVOTED TO ATTEMPTING
TO BRING ABOUT AGREEMENT ON THE FIVE PROPOSAL FOR A

NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.

THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF OUR FIVE GOVERNMENTS ARE TO MEET ON JUNE 14 TO DISCUSS THE MATTERS OF SUBSTANCE WHICH HAVE BEEN RAISED BY THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS, AND ALSO THE QUESTION OF THE NEXT MEETING BETWEEN SWAPO AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FIVE GOVERNMENTS. IN THE MEANTIME, THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IS BEING MADE AWARE OF THE FRONTLINE SUMMIT VIEWS AS TO THE ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD RESULT IN SWAPO AND FRONTLINE STATE AGREEMENT TO THE WESTERN FIVE PROPOSAL. FOLLOWING THE DISCUSSIONS OF OUR FIVE MINISTERS, WE SHALL AGAIN BE IN CONTACT WITH YOU TO DISCUSS FURTHER THE MEANS TO PURSUING OUR COMMON OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING A NAMIBIAN SETTLEMENT.

END DRAFT TALKING POINTS.

2. DURING COURSE OF CONTACT GROUP'S DISCUSSION, AMBASADOR MCHENRY ALSO NOTED THAT IN LIGHT OF PRESIDENT NYERERE'S APPARENT ROLE OF SPOKESMAN FOR THE FRONTLINE, IT WAS NOW TIME TO DISCUSS WITH TANZANIAN UN REPRESENTATIVE SALIM THE PRECISE WORDING OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH THE FIVE HAVE APPROVED ON WALVIS BAY (REF B). BRITISH AND FRENCH EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER COMMENCING CONSIDERATION OF EXACT LANGUAGE, BUT WITH THE OTHERS CONFIDENTIAL

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INSISTING, THEY AGREED TO QUERY LONDON AND PARIS ON THIS MATTER.

3. THE GROUP ALSO NOTED THAT BECAUSE OF NIGERIA'S ABSENCE FROM THE SUMMIT, THEY ARE PRESUMABLY NOT AWARE OF THE FIVE'S LATEST POSITION ON WALVIS BAY, AS DESCRIBED IN THE PAPER GIVEN TO KAUNDA (REF C AS REVISED REF D). GROUP THEREFORE AGREED THAT THE PORTION OF THE KAUNDA PAPER WHICH DESCRIBES OUR POSITION ON WALVIS BAY SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN WRITING (ON PLAIN WHITE BOND) TO THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT. THE OTHER FOUR AGREED, SAW NO NEED TO REFER THE DECISION TO CAPITALS, AND REQUESTED THAT AMEMBASSY LAGOS ADVISE THEIR WESTERN FIVE COLLEAGUES OF THE GROUP'S DECISION. YOUNG

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